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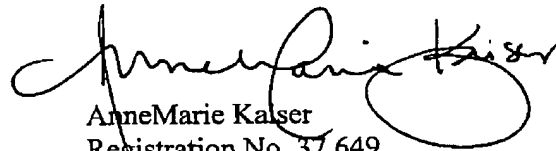
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Dear Sir:

The above-referenced patent application is the subject of a pending appeal. Neither Applicants nor their representatives received the Examiner's Answer to the Appeal Brief, because it was mistakenly mailed to the wrong address. The Associate Power of Attorney with Correspondence Address was filed on December 5, 2002. This document set forth the correspondence address to be used for communications. Applicants therefore respectfully request that the above-referenced application be returned to the Examiner and the Examiner's Answer be re-mailed and the two-month period for response be re-set, so that applicants have an opportunity to respond to the Examiner's Answer.

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